(c) To check the road accidents in the country, this Ministry gives grant-in-aid under two schemes namely 'Two days Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector' to impart training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers to improve their skills and 'Grant of financial assistance for administering Road Safety Programme' for creating road safety awareness among road users through the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). The details of grants-in-add sanctioned under both the schemes for the State of Tamil Nadu during the year from 2001-02 to 2005-06 are as under:—

Year	Two days Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the uniorganized sector Raod Safety Programme			Grant of financial assistance for administering		
	No. of Sanctioned whom grants	Amount whome grant (In Rupees)	No. of drivers sanctioned	No. of NGOs sanctioned	NGOs/Institution sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned (In Rupees)
2001-02					2	2,60,000/-
2002-03	1	3,50,000/-	500		2	2,92,500/-
2003-04	2	22,75,000/-	3250		2	4,35,000/-
2004-05	2	67,45,000/-	9500		6	8,00,000/-
2005-06	1	53,26,000/-	7500		5	8,00,000/-

Third Phase of NHDP

2202. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the third phase the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) which envisages construction of over 10,00 km. of four laned National Highways connecting various State capitals and important cities is behind schedule;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NHDP III is lagging behind in awarding contracts; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and the action proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a)

and (b) No, Sir. So, far, contracts covering 1120Km have been awarded.

(c) Do not arise.

Vallarpadam Trans-shipment Port HUB

2203. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Vallarpadam (Cochin) Trans shipment Port/Hub would become fully operational;

(b) how much of construction work of Vallarpadam trans-shipment Port is complete till date; and

(c) whether all our ships from the east coast and west ports go to Vallarpadam trans-shipment hub carrying cargo and would all the cargos be trans-shiped from this hub to and fro?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) As per the License Agreement signed by Cochin Port Trust with the Build Operate Transfer (BOT) operator, M/s India Gateway Terminal Private Limited, the BOT operator is obligated to commence commercial operations of Phase-I of the International Container Trans-shipment Terminal (ICTT) not later than twenty four (24) months from the date of commencement of construction works.

(b) The construction work for the ICTT Project has not commenced.

(c) Cochin Port has locational advantages as it is located in close proximity to the mainline 'East-West' shipping route. With the development of an International container trans-shipment terminal it is expected to handle container cargo, both international as well as Indian origin/bound cargo. However, inter-port movement of ships including to ICTT at Cochin Port is dependent primarily on operational economics.

Construction of Gwalior Nagar By Pass

†2204. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct Gwalior Nagar by pass at National Highway No. 3: and

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